

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

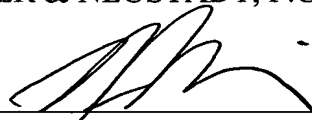
Claims 3-12 and 15 are presently active in this application, Claim 8 having been previously amended by the Amendment filed January 3, 2005, and Claims 16-20 having been previously withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.121, the status identifier for Claim 8 has been changed to correct an inadvertent error in the status identifier for Claim 8 in Applicant's Amendment filed January 3, 2005.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is in order, and an early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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